

## TDOT Announces Decision on Mack Hatcher Parkway Citizen Design Team Recommendations

**Franklin, TN** – In a joint announcement with Mayor Tom Miller, Commissioner Gerald Nicely announced on April 10 that TDOT will move forward with the recommendations as submitted by the Mack Hatcher Citizen Design Team (CDT). The CDT identified several conceptual design features for both the existing portion of Mack Hatcher Parkway and the future western extension.



*TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely and Franklin Mayor Tom Miller*

"The formulation of this design team and the process that followed is part of the Context Sensitive Solutions philosophy we have implemented at TDOT," said Commissioner Nicely. "The input from this team of citizens is invaluable to this agency, and will result in a project that will maintain the character of this beautiful community and serve the city of Franklin for years to come."



*TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely*



*Franklin Mayor Tom Miller*

"I also want to extend my appreciation to the citizens who devoted so many hours to this project", added Mayor Tom Miller. "Their involvement early in the design process will provide a roadway that best represents our community." The recommendations from the CDT came as a result of a year-long process that began in March of 2006. The process included planning/design consultation by TDOT Consultant Wilbur Smith Associates, local residents, personnel from FHWA, TDOT, the city of Franklin, and Williamson County, among others. All conceptual recommendations of the project team were accepted by TDOT and are subject to additional study and refinement during the final design process.

## Mack Hatcher Parkway Context Sensitive Design

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The primary CDT Conceptual Design Recommendations include:

- four-lane limited access facility
- Multi-use path to accommodate bikes and pedestrians
- Various intersection types including roundabouts and signalized intersections
- Steel and concrete girder bridges over the Harpeth River
- Continued citizen involvement throughout the project development process

In addition to the announcement accepting the recommendations of the project team, Commissioner Nicely also announced that TDOT has decided to partner with the city of Franklin for the final design of the Northwest Extension of Mack Hatcher Parkway from Hillsboro Road to Highway 96 West. The city would have authority for local administration of the northwest section of the parkway and would contract and administer the engineering services for final design. "This will be a wonderful opportunity for the city of Franklin and the state of Tennessee to partner on a project and to demonstrate a process that in the end serves the city's traffic and aesthetic needs, meets the criteria set forth by the state, and more importantly, benefits the citizens of Franklin," said Mayor Miller.

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**Project area near Del Rio Pike  
Before**



**Project area near Del Rio Pike  
After**



**Project area near Hwy 96  
West Roundabout  
Before**



**Project area near Hwy 96  
West Roundabout  
After**



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